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Confirmation No.: 4363

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For: **SAMPLE DRYING DEVICE AS WELL AS MASS SPECTROMETER AND MASS
SPECTROMETRY SYSTEM THEREWITH**

LETTER CONCERNING PTO/SB/08 A & B

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this letter to correct a typographical error on the
PTO/SB/08 A & B submitted on May 27, 2005. Applicant inadvertently mistyped Japanese
Patent Publication No. 11-14614. Attached is a corrected PTO/SB/08 A & B for the Examiner to
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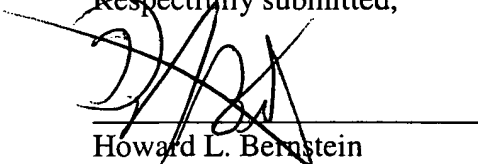
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